Pending wind power demonstration projects

†2490. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have two wind power demonstration projects of two megawatt each pending; and

(b) by when the approval will be accorded thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Two proposals for 2 MW each demonstration wind farm projects in Madhya Pradesh were received in the Ministry from the Nodal Agency in the State *i.e.* Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam, Bhopal.

(b) The State Nodal Agency is yet to confirm completion of certain conditions for sanctioning wind demonstration projects such as finalization of Power Purchase Agreement with State Utility and power evacuation facility for both the above projects and availability of State share of funds for one of the projects.

Remote villages electrification programmes

2491. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide solar electricity to all remote villages in the country under Remote Village Electrification Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of villages identified in different States/UTs, the number of remote villages covered upto 31st March, 2006 and target set for 2006-07; and

(d) by when the remote villages will be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Under the Remote Village Electrification Programme of the Ministry,

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financial support of upto 90% of the costs is provided to State Governments for electrification of remote unelectrified villages/hamlets through various non-conventional energy sources such as solar energy. From the year 2005-06 onwards, the Programme has been aligned with the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana and support is provided for only those remote villages/hamlets which are identified by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) as not likely to receive grid connection.

(c) 2589 remote villages in 15 States have so far been identified by REC as not likely to receive grid connection and hence will have to be taken up under the Ministry's Programme. The State-wise details of the identified villages and those covered under the Programme as on 31-3-2006 are given in Statement-I (*See* below).Before 2005-06, since there was no requirement of identification by REC, villages/hamlets were taken up on the basis of certificates by the respective State Governments and State-wise details of such villages covered are given in Statement-II. (*See* below)A target for providing support for electrification of 1500 remote villages/hemlets has been set for the year 2006-07.

(d) The Remote Village Electrification Programme of the Ministry is aligned with the Rajiv Gandhi Grammen 'Vidyutikaran Yojana which envisages electfication of all the unelectrified villages by the year 2009.

Statement-I

State-wise details of No. of villages identified by REC for electrification through non-conventional energy sources and the No. of villages out of these covered under the Remote Village Electrification Programme as on 31-3-2006

Sl.No.	State	No. of villages Identified by REC	No. of Villages out of these covered under the Programme as on 31.3.2006
1	2	3	4
1	Arunachal Pradesh	145	117
2	Assam	493	33
3	Chhattisgarh	77	0
4	Gujarat	49	36
5	Himachal Pradesh	24	20

1	2	3	4
6	Jharkhand	358	224
7	Karnataka	20	20
8	Madhya Pradesh	173	50
9	Maharashtra	257	161
10	Manipur	57	40
11	Meghalaya	158	0
12	Orissa	151	0
13	Rajasthan	417	230
14	Uttaranchal	122	0
15	West Bengal	88	5
	TOTAL:	2589	936

Statement- II

State-wise details of No. of villages/hamlets covered under the Remote Village Electrification Programme upto 2004-05

Sl.No.	State	No. of villages/hamlets
1	Arunachal Pradesh	170
2	Assam	39
3	Chhattisgarh	325
4	Gujarat	2
5	Haryana	45
6	Himachal Pradesh	2
7	Jammu & Kashmir	140
8	Jharkhand	137
9	Karnataka	0
10	Kerala	558
11	Madhya Pradesh	49
12	Maharashtra	16
13	Manipur	137
14	Meghalaya	27
15	Mizoram	20
16	Orissa	18
17	Rajasthan	24
18	Sikkim	13
19	Tamil Nadu	152
20	Tripura	550
21	Uttaranchal	526
22	Uttar Pradesh	250
23	West Bengal	1181
	TOTAL:	4381